

**FIVE COUNTY
LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Minutes
June 16, 2010
11:30 am - 1:00 p.m.**

**Five County Association of Governments
Conference Room
1070 West 1600 South Bldg B
St. George, UT 84770**

Welcome & Introductions

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>REPRESENTING:</u>
Council Member Ben Nickel	St. George City Council
Bob Green	Washington County School District
Colleen Tucker	Job Corps
Bill Campbell	Department of Workforce Services
Lloyd Pendleton	State Office of Community and Culture
Michelle Post	Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation
Paula Claymore	Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah
Ray Sim	Iron County Care and Share
Sherri Dial	Five County AOG
Stephanie Volker (on phone)	Southwest Center Behavioral Health
Jim Pugh	Utah Food Bank
Jane Lewis	Five County CAP
Lynn Jorgensen	Veterans Administration
Anne Yero	Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center
Tracie Tice	Premier Adoptions
Al Hernandez	Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
Michelle Brown	Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
Robert Schaefer	Dixie Care and Share
Chuck Goode	Grace Episcopal Church
Lance Fromm	Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
<u>EXCUSED</u>	
Richard Rivera	St. George Soup Kitchen
LuWenn Jones	Disability Law Center & Utah DD Council
Frank Yoder	Resource & Re-entry Center
Heidi Miller	Cedar City Housing Authority
Holly Malnar	DOVE Center
<u>ABSENT</u>	
Keisha Gaywell (on phone)	St. George Housing Authority

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

The Agenda and Minutes from the April 21, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Al Hernandez

- **Veterans Health Administration: Al Hernandez(Health Care Homeless Veterans Supervisor) & Lance Fromm(Grant & Per Diem Liaison) will discuss Homeless Veteran Programs/Initiatives**
- **Veterans Benefits Administration: Michelle Brown will discuss her role in assisting homeless Veterans with accessing benefits**

Mr. Al Hernandez explained about the Homeless Shelter Initiative. Paying for program to house and provide services for vets. The goal is to expand to more rural areas. Mr. Hernandez passed around information for request for proposal. There will be an opportunity for agencies to apply. Mr. Hernandez commented that he would like to get providers in Southern Utah to apply for the funding. Lloyd asked if the existing programs are the ones who need to apply. It is operation costs not bricks and mortar. So the Care and Shares could ask for the funds based on the individuals who are in the shelter. The VA would reimburse for days that a vet stayed at the shelter. The funding will only reimburse for individuals to stay in an existing facility and not hotel rooms. The reimbursement is based on the services provided it should be \$20 -\$60 a day. Is transitional housing eligible? They need to be licensed etc. 24 hour supervision and meals are needed it should even be a 5 bedroom home etc.

There are also housing programs in Salt Lake.

National hotline has been established for veterans to call to find services.

Michelle works with individual veterans to find services and funding to assist vets to not be homeless. There are difficulties in getting an accurate measurement on the PIT count.

Changes at the Dixie Care and Share

Robert Schaefer

Mr. Robert Schaefer informed the board that Kara Coop is no longer the Executive Director at the Dixie Care and Share. Mr. Schaefer informed that he is the Executive Director on a temporary basis. Mr. Schaefer expressed that his desire is to remain the Director of operations on a permanent basis. Ms. Sherri Dial asked if there has been a new director chosen. Mr. Schaefer explained that there will be a Dixie Care and Share board meeting in July to discuss a new director and then they will begin to vet the applications. We want to find someone who is a good fit for the job.

HPRP/TANF subcommittee information

Robert Schaefer & Ray Sim

Mr. Robert Schaefer has taken over the management of the HPRP/TANF programs. There had not been a submission for funding since last October. Mr. Schaefer explained that there are some families with children that do not qualify for HPRP assistance but they will qualify for TANF assistance. Mr. Schaefer commented that Dixie Care and Share are making many referrals to agencies in Washington County. Mr. Schaefer handed out copies of the HPRP application packet. Mr. Robert Schaefer explained the requirements for individuals to receive housing assistance through the Dixie Care and Share. The individuals need to show proof that they are trying to receive services elsewhere in Washington County. Mr. Schaefer explained that the program is to help individuals for temporary assistance and not over an 18 month period. He handed out application forms for the program. Discussed the information needed to qualify. The clients need to show they are working to show responsibility. The clients need to be working toward self-sufficiency.

Iron County Care and Share have provided HPRP (\$1600-\$1700 a month) funds to about 60-70 families, 120-150 individuals since October. It is limited funds to help as many people as possible.

Ms. Jane Lewis made a comment that there needs to be a better job with case managers collaborating with other agencies in assisting clients. Ms. Lewis handed out a referral forms for the board members to look at. Ms. Lewis made a proposal to start having an Ad Hoc Subcommittee (workgroup) that meets on a regular basis.

Individuals who are under stress often need extra help to access services and programs.

Dates of next HPRP meetings

Thursday June 24th at 10:00 will be the next Homeless Committee Meeting at the soup kitchen. Ms. Sherri Dial will email the committee with the information about the meeting. Ms. Dial mentioned that board members are welcome to bring client cases to the meeting. Billie and Robert should attend each meeting to provide information and solve problems.

Housing counseling

Heidi Miller

Heidi Miller was not able to attend so this agenda item was postponed.

Utah Food Bank information

Jim Pugh

Mr. Jim Pugh informed the committee about the new facility that they plan to open in St. George and how the Utah Food Bank is going to be able to deliver much more pounds of food. Mr. Pugh stated that last year the Utah Food Bank distributed 21 million pounds of food and this year with the new facility they estimate distributing 32 million pounds of food. Transportation is one of the biggest challenges and having enough space in the trucks for food. Mr. Pugh is working on selling the old Utah Food Bank facility in Salt Lake. The proceeds will allow the Utah Food Bank to take more food to the smaller rural areas in Southern Utah. Mr. Pugh explained that there will be a Utah Food Bank facility in St. George. Having the Food Bank in St. George as well will cut down traveling costs. They have meet with the Dixie Care & Share's board of director and talked about the benefits. They have looked at working with the Walmart distribution center to see if

State information

Lloyd Pendleton

- **Point in time update**

Mr. Lloyd Pendleton handed out a chart of the Point in Time information (PIT). There has been new housing in Utah for individuals who are chronically homeless. The chart explains the demographic information for people who are homeless in Utah on January 28, 2010. **There has been a drop in chronically homeless for the state.** The five county count was under counted for the population of individuals that were unsheltered for the PIT count.

- **2011 funding information**

The base funding was cut for the year. It was a tough year with less funds. Some agencies did not get funded because they did not achieve the results that they said. There is a more to getting results.

Continuum of Care sub-committee

Ms. Heidi Miller was unable to attend the meeting. Lloyd discussed that Eileen's position will move to the state for the next two years. The new person is being interviewed this next week. The position will hopefully help to pull together the information that need to be completed at the state to meet the requirements of HUD.

Five County Internships and Training funds

Jane Lewis

Ms. Lewis informed the board about the internship program she has been working on. There have been several interns working on completing trainings within the past several months. If the agencies have any referrals stay after the meeting and talk to Jane about how to complete the paperwork. Ms. Dial commented that there are some funds for training which will help individuals take classes to get their CNA certificate or Medical Coding so they may be able to get a job.

Other Updates

June 29th is the Washington County Focus Group which will be focused on low-income families. There will be daycare, dinner and transportation. There was a handout passed out.

Mr. Pendleton informed that they are having a Quality Assurance Training Program which will take place once every year.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held ~~August 18, 2010~~ August 11, 2010